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Environmental Protection Agency
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. ("FOIA"), I am requesting copies of the following agency records and other public records under your agency's control:

(1) all correspondences, which include but are not necessarily limited to, written or electronic communications, letters, emails, attachments, phone logs, instant messages, instant communications, texts, and other documents transmitted between Administrator Scott Pruitt, Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, Associate Administrator Samantha Dravis, Deputy Chief of Staff Byron Brown, Mandy Gunasekara, Denise Anderson, Layne Bangerter, Millan Hupp, and their schedulers and secretarial staff, and employees of Murray Energy Corporation, including, but not limited to Robert Murray, his schedulers and secretarial staff, other C-Level executives, government relations employees, and regulatory employees, and email addresses with the domain names @murrayenergycorp.com and @coalsource.com, on matters related to: studies related to job losses in the coal industry caused by air emission regulations

(2) all calendar files, which include but are not necessarily limited to, calendar invites, appointments, meetings, attachments, notations of conversations, meeting minutes, notations of conversation, guest lists, and other written or electronic documents of Administrator Scott Pruitt, Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, Associate Administrator Samantha Dravis, Deputy Chief of Staff Byron Brown, Mandy Gunasekara, Denise Anderson, Layne Bangerter, Millan Hupp, and their schedulers and secretarial staff, related to meetings with employees of Murray Energy Corporation, including, but not limited to Robert Murray, his schedulers and secretarial staff, other C-Level executives, government relations employees, and regulatory employees, and email addresses with the domain names @murrayenergycorp.com and @coalsource.com.

(3) all other public records, created between February 1, 2017 to present, which include but are not necessarily limited to, memoranda, policy guidance, internal documents, correspondences to or from other parties besides Murray Energy, calendar invites and files, and all other types of electronic or written documents and relevant materials related to or concerning: studies related to job losses in the coal industry caused by air emission regulations

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents, should you withhold any. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release. If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, I would request that you please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive that information via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I will expect to receive the information in paper form.

This information is being sought on behalf of ThinkProgress.org (an online news service) for dissemination to the general public and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. I am a reporter with ThinkProgress, an online news site with a national audience seeking these documents entirely for news-gathering purposes.

Please provide the records requested above regardless of your fee waiver decision. In order to expedite a response, the ThinkProgress will, if necessary, pay fees in accordance with FOIA regulations for all or a portion of the requested records. Please contact me before doing anything that would cause the fee to exceed \$50.

I also request expedited processing. Release of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government and the EPA, which have broad reaching impact on the health, safety, and well-being of the American public and are currently a subject of national news value. There have been numerous media reports that the current EPA's leadership is being influenced by energy companies such as Murray Energy, a coal-mining corporation whose business activities' environmental impacts the EPA oversees. Disclosure of this information is urgently needed to help the public understand how Murray Energy is influencing environmental public policy and whether this influence is having a deleterious impact on EPA's mission to protect the health and safety of the public from pollution.

I look forward to your reply within 10 business days, or, at the latest, 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I am willing to discuss ways to make this request more manageable to your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or on my direct line at 202-478-6333 or rkoronowski@thinkprogress.org.

Sincerely,

Ryan Koronowski

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